

In the Specification

Please amend the paragraph beginning at Page 7, line 20:

FIGS. 1 through 3 depict a portion of an optical device 20, such as an endoscope, constructed in accordance with this invention that lies along an axis 21. In this embodiment, the optical device 20 includes a lens system 22 with adjoined lens elements 23, 24 and 25. Each of the lens elements 23, 24 and 25 and the lens system 22 have centered rotational symmetry with respect to the axis 21. In this particular embodiment, the axis 21 is coincident with the optical and geometric axes of the optical device. Although not shown, but as will be known to persons of ordinary skill in the art, the end surfaces of each lens element constitute image forming surfaces that are polished, generally spherical surfaces that produce an image of any object proximate the axis 21. As manufacture and use of lens elements with such surfaces are known, FIGS. 1 through 3 do not depict a specific spherical surface. A flat [[traverse]] transverse surface is shown as a representation of an entire class of image forming surfaces.